

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0141] A Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) transport can be extended economically by a retrofit cabinet which can replace a standard telephone cross-connect cabinet or by placement of a new cross-connect cabinet. The retrofit cabinet or new cabinet incorporates within it a Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer (DSLAM). The inclusion of the DSLAM in the same cabinet with the cross-connect blocks avoids problems associated with real estate acquisition and approvals, avoids problems resulting from crosstalk, and avoids the necessity of replacing older feeder cabling that is incapable of carrying DSL signals. With pre-wired connections between the cross-connect blocks and the DSLAM electronics, it is possible to provide DSL transport to a subscriber by cross-connecting readily accessible terminals within the cabinet. The retrofit cabinet may also have additional feeder and distribution connection blocks for expansion of telephone service as well as DSL transports to new subscribers.